



**Keynotes: FERC Commissioner and ISO-NE Board Chair and
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Biographies of Speakers & Moderator



Cheryl A. LaFleur is the Chair of the Board of ISO New England, where she has served as a director since 2019. She also serves on the Advisory Boards of the Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy and the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Previously, Cheryl was one of the longest-serving commissioners on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. She served as a commissioner from 2010 to 2019 and chaired the Commission from 2013 to 2015 and during 2017. Prior to her FERC tenure, Cheryl held several executive positions at National Grid, including Executive Vice President, COO, and General Counsel. She began her career as an attorney at Ropes and Gray in Boston.

Cheryl holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. from Princeton University.



Commissioner Judy Chang joined the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in July 2024. As an energy economics and policy expert, she has more than 20 years of experience working with energy companies, trade associations and governments on regulatory and financial issues, particularly as they relate to investment decisions in electric transmission, clean energy, and energy storage.

Judy is the former Undersecretary of Energy and Climate Solutions for Massachusetts, a role in which she led efforts to set policies across the Commonwealth's energy sector and align strategies and plans to meet legal requirements for climate change mitigation. Judy has testified before regulatory authorities in the U.S. and Canada on topics related to energy resource deployment; energy contracts; transmission planning, access, and pricing; and electricity market design.

Judy has taught as an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School and served as a Senior Fellow at the Kennedy School. She also served as an ambassador for the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Energy Education & Empowerment Initiative and was a founding board member of New England Women in Energy and the Environment.

She holds a Master of Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School and a BS in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from UC Davis.



Jamie Van Nostrand was appointed Chair of the Massachusetts DPU in 2023. Prior to his appointment to the DPU, Jamie was the Charles M. Love, Jr. Endowed Professor and Director of the Center for Energy and Sustainable Development at the West Virginia University College of Law. He is the author of *The Coal Trap: How West Virginia Was Left Behind in The Clean Energy Revolution* (Cambridge University Press, 2022).

Before moving to WVU, Jamie spent three years as a member of the adjunct faculty at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University in White Plains, NY and as Executive Director of the Pace Energy and Climate Center. Prior to his transition to law school teaching, Jamie had a successful career in private law practice as a partner in the energy and environmental practice groups of two large Pacific Northwest law firms (Perkins Coie LLP and Stoel Rives LLP). He represented energy clients in state regulatory proceedings in eight western states, as well as proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Jamie was recognized by the Energy Bar Association as its 2007 State Regulatory Practitioner of the Year.

Jamie received his LL.M. in Environmental Law from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law, his master's degree in economics from SUNY at Albany, and an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Northern Iowa.



Caroline Hon is Vice President of New England Regulation and Pricing at National Grid. In her tenure at National Grid, she has served in various leadership roles in Finance, Shared Services, and Operations. Most recently, she was the Chief Operating Officer of the New England Gas Business, accountable for the safe, reliable, and affordable delivery of gas to National Grid's customers in New England. Prior to that, she led the Gas Resource Management function at National Grid USA. In this role, she oversaw the management of the Gas Capital Investment Plan, the annual work and resource portfolio, emergency dispatch, and back-office management of capital and maintenance work orders.

Prior to joining National Grid, Caroline was a consultant in Accenture's Utilities Transmission and Distribution practice, focusing on Work and Asset Management.

Caroline is a Chemical Engineer and holds a B.S. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Richard Cowart, Principal at the Regulatory Assistance Project, has deep experience on state and national energy and environmental issues in the U.S., across Europe, in China, and several other nations, with a particular focus on climate policy. He launched and directed RAP's Europe program from 2009-2018 and served for a decade on the Executive Committee of the International Energy Agency's demand-side management program. He was appointed to three terms as chair of the Electricity Advisory Committee of the US Department of Energy. His recent work focuses on power markets, climate policy, and energy efficiency programs throughout Europe.

A highly experienced regulator, Richard served as commissioner and chair of the Vermont Public Service Board from 1986 to 1999. He was elected president of NECPUC and chair of the U.S. Regulators' Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment. He also served as chair of the National Council on Competition and the Electric Industry and on the Board of the Electric Power Research Institute. Currently, he serves on the Environmental Advisory Committee of NYISO and as Board Chair of the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation. Richard was previously assistant professor and director of the Program in Planning and Law at UC Berkeley and executive officer and general counsel of the Vermont Environmental Board.

He received his bachelor's degree from Davidson College and his JD and master of city planning degrees from UC Berkeley, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Ecology Law Quarterly*.



Rachel Fox is the Director of Policy & Strategy at the American Petroleum Institute, where she leads policy and strategy development across all segments of the U.S. oil and gas value chain. She specializes in decarbonization policies and technologies in domestic and global natural gas markets, including renewable natural gas, differentiated /responsibly sourced natural gas, hydrogen, and carbon capture, utilization, and storage.

Before joining API, Rachel was an Energy Sector Specialist at the World Bank Group, where she advanced clean energy market development in offshore wind, solar, and hydrogen. She began her career at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, contributing to the Natural Resource Damage Assessment for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and later served as a first responder for Hurricanes Maria and Irma in 2017.

Rachel holds a master's in Sustainable Resource Economics from University College London.



Carrie Zalewski is the Vice President of Transmission and Electricity Markets at the American Clean Power Association, where she advances clean energy through policies that ensure fair access to the electricity market.

Previously, Carrie served as the Chair and Agency Head of the Illinois Public Utility Commission, where she applied her expertise as an energy attorney, her engineering degree, and over 15 years of experience in environmental and energy regulation. She oversaw an agency of over 200 employees, consistently delivering balanced budgets and strong results, leading the Commission through the first round of implementation of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act.

Carrie was the founding Chair of NARUC's Chair Council bringing together Commission Chairs from all fifty states to discuss timely topics. She served on the Board of Directors for the Organization of MISO States and on the Board of the Organization of PJM States. A frequent speaker and participant in discussions in the energy and regulatory space, Carrie is currently an adjunct professor, teaching clean energy law at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. She earned her JD from the Chicago-Kent Law School and her BS in Engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.



Dan Dolan has served as President of the New England Power Generators Association (NEPGA) since the fall of 2011. NEPGA is the trade association representing roughly 95% of the installed generation capacity in New England. As President he is the principal spokesperson and oversees all activities for the association. Dan leads a staff that represents the membership on electricity market rules development and wholesale electric competition and is a frequent speaker at legislative and regulatory hearings as well as other forums. He has served on several state commissions and task forces focused on energy, climate, workforce, and transportation issues.

Dan previously worked at the Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA), the national trade association representing competitive power suppliers, including generators and marketers. As Vice President of Policy Research & Communications at EPSA he was responsible for coordinating research, reports, studies, and analysis as well as directing communications and state advocacy for the organization. Dan also oversaw the development of energy trading policy, including spearheading EPSA's activities in the development and implementation of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act.

Dan holds a bachelor's degree in business management with a concentration in international business from Goucher. He has served on the board of several non-profit organizations focused on domestic and child assault prevention, mentorship, and early childhood development.



Dr. Elizabeth A. Stanton is the founder and executive director of the Applied Economics Clinic. Liz has an extensive publication record, including more than 170 reports, journal articles, books and book chapters as well as nearly 60 expert comments and oral and written testimony in public proceedings on topics related to energy, the economy, the environment, and equity.

In her previous position as a principal economist at Synapse Energy Economics, Liz led studies examining environmental regulation, cost-benefit analyses, and the economics of energy efficiency and renewable energy. Prior to joining Synapse, Liz was a senior economist with the Stockholm Environment Institute's (SEI's) Climate Economics Group, where led the organization's work on the Consumption-Based Emissions Inventory (CBEI) model and on water issues and climate change in the western United States. Liz's articles have been published in numerous journals and she has also published books, including *Climate Change and Global Equity* (Anthem Press, 2014) and *Climate Economics: The State of the Art* (Routledge, 2013), co-written with her colleague at Synapse, Dr. Frank Ackerman. She is also co-author of *Environment for the People* (Political Economy Research Institute, 2005, with James K. Boyce).

Liz earned her Ph.D. in economics at UMass-Amherst, and has taught economics at Tufts, UMass-Amherst, and the College of New Rochelle, among others.



Dr. Jonathan Raab has been the convener and moderator of the New England Electricity Restructuring Roundtable since 1995. He also convened and moderated the Energy Policy Roundtable in the PJM Footprint from 2005-2010.

A national leader in applying consensus building processes to energy, environmental, and regulatory issues, some of his major cases include the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the New England Demand Response Initiative; the Greenhouse Gas planning processes for the City of Boston, Maine, and Rhode Island; RPS rules for Massachusetts and Rhode Island; the energy plan for Tennessee; energy efficiency stakeholder processes in California, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts; market rules for Alberta; and Grid Modernization in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. He has also run stakeholder processes for U.S. DOE, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, and U.S. EPA.

Jonathan assisted both PJM and MISO in reforming their respective stakeholder processes. He recently served as Moderator of the **Joint Federal (FERC) and State (NARUC) Task Force on Electric Transmission** and is the Liaison between the PJM Members and the PJM Board on matters related to the Independent Market Monitor. Prior to establishing Raab Associates, Jonathan was the Assistant Director of the Electric Power Division at the Massachusetts DPU.

Jonathan holds a Ph.D. from MIT, and an M.S. and A.B. from Stanford. He has taught courses at the University of Oregon, Stanford, UMass (Boston) and MIT, and is the author of *Using Consensus Building to Improve Utility Regulation*.



Carol Holahan is a partner in Foley Hoag's Energy & Cleantech practice. She advises large, competitive regional generators and other participants in the wholesale and retail competitive electricity markets on regional policy initiatives, changing environmental regulations, decommissioning and sale of plants, and matters pending before the FERC. In addition to concentrating on traditional fossil fuel generation, Carol's practice includes renewable energy resources such as large solar, storage, and biomass. She has significant experience in the NEPOOL stakeholder process, and with legal challenges to new or existing laws and regulations, environmental permitting, facility siting, and assessment or limitations of liability due to the sale or retirement of generating facilities.

Prior to joining Foley Hoag, Carol was the Senior Director of Government Affairs at Dynegy, Inc. Before that, she served as Director of Government Affairs for the NEPGA, representing competitive power producers before state policy makers, regulators, and infrastructure siting boards. She also served as the Director of the Office of Legislative Services in New Hampshire. Carol earned her JD, *magna cum laude*, from Suffolk Law School, and her BS from Georgetown.